



**IN THE CLAIMS**

**please amend the claims as follows:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display apparatus configured to have a liquid crystal layer interposed between a first substrate and a second substrate, comprising:

a plurality of pixels which are disposed in a matrix in a display region that displays an image, the pixels including a first pixel with a first gap for interposition of the liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and the second substrate, and a second pixel with a second gap that is smaller than the first gap, and a third pixel with a third gap that is smaller than the second gap, the first pixel including a first color filter layer that has a first film thickness and mainly passes first color light, and the second pixel including a second color filter layer that has a second film thickness, which is greater than the first film thickness, and mainly passes second color light, and the third pixel including a third color filter layer that has a third film thickness, which is greater than the second film thickness, and mainly passes third color light, the first color light having a wavelength that is greater than a wavelength of the second color light, and the second color light having the wavelength that is greater than a wavelength of the third color light; and

a columnar spacer for creating the ~~second~~ third gap, the columnar spacer being disposed only on the ~~second~~ third pixel,

wherein

the columnar spacer is formed of a negative-type photosensitive resin material, and the columnar spacer has light shield properties.

Claims 2 -3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterized by~~ further comprising a light shield layer that is disposed in a picture-frame shape along a peripheral edge of the display region, the columnar spacer and the light shield layer being formed of the same material.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first substrate includes the first color filter layer, the second color filter layer and the columnar spacer, and

the first substrate further includes scan lines disposed in a row direction, signal lines disposed in a column direction, switching elements disposed near intersections of the scan lines and the signal lines, and pixel electrodes that are connected to the switching elements and are disposed in a matrix.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).